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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 04 May 2009.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative)

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: Z.

Identification of prior art discussed: Ferree, US 7,066,958 B2; Fleischmann, US 6,375,682 B1.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Applicant suggested incorporating language to the effect that the intermediate elastic body "entirely" separates the upper and lower bodies and a "sliding" movement creates the different angular positions relative to the central axis. These limitations appear to distinguish over the applied references, although the prior art overall must be reviewed prior to making any final determinations.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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